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Wild on Wednesdays

By Marion Draper

YOUNGSTERS of Crewkerne enjoyed a free taste of a new club last week.

Wild Wednesdays have come to the West One Youth and Community Centre for school years seven and eight (age 11-13) from 7-9pm every week where they can play games, make craft projects, learn cooking and make new friends. The new club is being run by older members of the youth club under the umbrella of the not for profit company, Active Learning & Skills which is dedicated to helping young people enjoy, grow and learn.

Organisation started in October 2009 with three teen session in South Petherton. Volunteers have recruited other volunteers and the idea has spread to Chard and Ilminster. Executive director and senior practitioner Pete May, who has always worked within the youth sector, visited West One in January to meet the club members and recruited a group of volunteers. The teenagers then met up every week for two months to plan what they wanted to do, before presenting it to the town council in March. They had identified a gap for the pre-teens age group and the council were very impressed and supportive, offering help with funding along with West One Youth and Community Centre.

Mr May said: "What really impressed me was that they wanted to do something for someone else, not themselves."

The free session last week was designed to give the youngsters a taste of what was on offer but also to offer feedback to the volunteers as to what they would like to do on Wild Wednesdays.

One of the South Petherton volunteers as well and Mr May and his team were on hand to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Crewkerne volunteers were Rhianne Webb, Sophie Robbins, Megan Purchase and Megan Robins. Rhianne had even turned up on her 16th birthday so as not to miss the launch of all their hard work.

She said "Pete came to our youth club and I thought it was a good idea. It looks good on my CV too and gets me out of the house. I want to go into the Navy so it's good for my communication skills."

Wild Wednesdays cost £1.50 per session. For more details call Pete May 01460 64509 or email pete.may@als-cic-org.

■ **YOUTH FOR YOUTH: Mentors and volunteers with some of the first takers of the new youth club in Crewkerne**

Photo by MARION DRAPER

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Mayor making

THE NEW Crewkerne Town Council will take their places at their first meeting on Monday, May 16th, when they will elect the new mayor and deputy mayor and present grants cheques to local groups and organisations.

The meeting will commence at 6.45pm in the council chambers and members of the public are welcome.

Bowls club plans

PERMISSION has been granted to Severall Jubilee Bows Club for an extension between their existing pavilion and the changing rooms. The walls will be of green plastic cladding and the roof of green felt shingles to match in with existing buildings.

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Thanks from LibDems

COUNCILLOR Angie Singleton of Crewkerne, wrote to the ***Weekender*** on behalf of herself and fellow Lib Dems following the election results.

She said: "I am writing to thank Crewkerne and Misterton residents for their support in the district council elections. Mike Best, John Dyke and myself were truly humbled by the confidence which voters expressed in us through the ballot box.

May I include also the sincere thanks of all 10 successful Lib Dem candidates in the Crewkerne Town Council election. All of us will serve the local community to the utmost of our ability."

Councillor John Dyke who, together with Councillor Singleton, led the election campaign in Crewkerne and Misterton, added: "Both the district and the town council results were excellent for Crewkerne Lib Dems.

"I believe that electors understood our message, namely that our local political group have worked very hard for the best interests of our town. We have been given a clear mandate to continue to do so."

Councillor Sturtivant also wrote in, he said: "I would like to thank the people of Crewkerne for the confidence they have by voting for us, keeping Crewkerne a Lib Dem controlled council. We will continue to work hard on your behalf during the next four years of this council."

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Increase in fly tipping

SOMERSET Waste Partnership has reported fly-tipping outside the gates of recycling sites which are now closed for two days a week, following county council cutbacks.

Inspection of the illegally dumped waste identified items from Somerset companies. As a first step, SWP is writing to the companies to warn them of the consequences of fly-tipping.

Business rates do not cover rubbish and recycling collections and businesses must make their own arrangements with a registered waste carrier or by delivering to a permitted site.

SWP Managing Director Steve Read said: "We appreciate there are lots of burdens on local businesses but, together with householders, we all have a duty of care in relation to the waste we produce."

Fly-tipping is a crime punishable by law. There are penalties of up to £5,000 if firms fail to check that that their waste carrier has a licence or that their waste is going to a licensed site.

Police seek youth opinions

LOCAL young people are being given the opportunity to have their say about the police with the first ever online youth survey by Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Inspector Paul Cox said: "This survey is a chance for the young people of Avon and Somerset to log-on and tell us what they think about the police, what we do well and where they think we need to improve.

"The survey will give 13-19 year olds from across the force area the opportunity to make a positive difference to how we do things in the future."

The online survey includes 20 questions which look at policing issues, how safe young people feel and what kind of information they would like to receive from the police. It will run from now until June 29th 2011.

All entrants who provide their email address will also be automatically entered into a prize draw to win a Wii or one of two iPod Shuffles. Entrants will also get a copy of a report of the results of the survey. To complete the survey log on at www.consultation.avonandsomerset.police.uk/police/20questions

Going for gold in their 25th year

SOUTH Petherton based company Avon Bulbs have just been filmed by the BBC in preparation for their 25th year at the Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower Show, where they have won a total of 23 gold medals and one silver gilt.

This year's weather conditions are providing a tough challenge for the experienced growers in their anniversary year and they are working hard to bring home the gold once more.

There has always been a great deal of prestige involved in attending the RHS flower shows and none more so than at Chelsea. To have 23 gold medals at this most prestigious event is nothing short of extraordinary particularly from a small, family run business.

Avon Bulbs was originally established by Walter Stagg in 1975 near Bath. Chris Ireland-Jones bought him out 1987and moved the company to its present location, near South Petherton, attending his first Chelsea only four days after buying the business. Fortunately he had the support of head nurseryman, Alan Street, who had worked with Avon Bulbs from its beginning and already won several gold medals at Chelsea under the previous owner.

Mr Ireland-Jones explained: "Alan is responsible for the design and layout of the stand and has a fantastic eye for detail, and all the shape and colour combinations.

"Getting 23 gold medals out of a possible 24 is an amazing achievement, especially given the small size of our company. We only have three full time nursery staff and a few helpers, so it is a testament to their hard work and dedication to maintain such a high standard."

The only year the company failed to win gold, settling instead for a silver gilt, was in 1992, the year that Chris and his wife Caroline were married. They blamed the hot dry spring, rather than their nuptials for the slight lapse in standards.

This year, growing conditions have been particularly difficult, with the dry and unseasonably warm spring bringing the plants on far more than is usual, especially as the dates for Chelsea are late into May this year.

This has made things difficult for the team to maintain plants in optimum condition, with only half the usual rainfall for this year and the warmest and driest April on record.

■ GOLDEN YEARS: Avon Bulbs gardeners with their collection of Chelsea gold

Mr Street said the only way they could stop the bulbs peaking too soon was to keep them in a cold store at around two degrees Celsius.

"It is not easy to win 23 gold medals and it takes a great deal of hard work and dedication, with everyone pulling their weight. It is both an art form and a science. We may pot up around 500 alliums, just to get the 150 perfect specimens we need. We will be taking over a hundred varieties of flowering bulbs with us, from tulips to orchids, representing around 1,000 pots which get taken up in two lorries on Thursday and Saturday."

Avon Bulbs has expanded from just using one cold store to now having three and this year have had to overflow into a local asparagus farm's facilities down the road to accommodate over two thousand pots.

This year's stand will feature an amazing sculpture by Ruth Moilliet, a fine art graduate from Ramsbottom, Lancashire. As a centrepiece the work entitled "Pollination" is a huge allium like ball, made from stainless steel and anodised aluminium. It was completed over six months last year and features a layered array of flowers, such as aquilegia, aubrietia, Michaelmas daisies and forget-me-nots, plus butterflies and bees.

Mr Ireland-Jones commented:"We'd love to win another gold in our silver jubilee year that would be a real achievement. There is always more to learn and challenges to overcome, none greater than the current weather conditions, but we get a real buzz out of showing and when we get a great reaction from the public it tugs at the heart and you know the effort has been worthwhile."

LibDems still in control, but six seats down in district elections

By Marion Draper

COUNCIL elections in South Somerset on Thursday May 5th resulted in no overall change in political control of South Somerset District Council.

The Liberal Democrats remain the largest group on the council, although they suffered the loss of six seats and now hold 31 of the total 60.

In **Chard**, Avishayes ward was retained by Lib Dem Nigel Mermegan, Combe ward stayed with Conservative Martin Wale and Crimchard voted to keep LibDem Jenny Kenton.

In Holyrood ward new candidate, Conservative Brennie Halse took the seat ahead of LibDem Garry Shortland with 464 votes to his 440 and Jocelyn was kept by Independent Dave Bulmer who had 696 votes against his only rival, Lib Dem Abdul Bostan with 147 votes. Andrew Turpin was re-elected for Tatworth and Forton.

In **Crewkerne** all three district council seats went with the LibDems and familiar faces, Mike Best, John Dyke and Angie Singleton.

The two South Petherton seats went to the Conservatives, Paul Thompson and Barry Walker. Parrett ward re-elected LibDem Ric Pallister and Eggwood went to LibDem Paul Maxwell.

Ilminster re-elected LibDems Carol Goodall and Kim Turner for their district councillors. Linda Vijeh stays for Neroche ward, while Windwhistle ward was won by Conservative Sue Osborne, who was recently a strong voice for the tenant farmers of the county farms. She deposed LibDem Robin Munday.

Summary for South Somerset District Council:

Liberal Democrat seats - 31 - (loss of six seats).

Conservative seats - 25 - (gain of eight seats).

Independent seats - four - (loss of two seats

The district turnout was 47.66 per cent, up on 2007 when it was only 39.90 per cent.

TOWN COUNCIL RESULTS

LONG serving **Chard** Town Councillors Audrey Spencer and Sue Wyatt lost their places in the council chamber at the elections. The results were:

Avishayes: Tricia Aherne LibDem, Graham Forsyth Independent, and Cath Morrison LibDem.

Crimchard: Julian Dorse LibDem, Jenny Kenton LibDem and Tony Prior Independent.

Holyrood: Brennie Halse Conservative and Garry Shortland LibDem.

Jocelyn Ward: Dave Bulmer Independent, Martin Dowell Independent and Sandra Pitwood Independent.

Combe ward was uncontested with Sara Dowell LibDem, Andy Kenton LibDem and Martin Wale Conservative filling the three seats.

Crewkerne Town Council is a mix of old and new faces and despite the efforts of local Conservatives to gain the majority they ended up with a smaller group than prior to the election.

The new line-up is Sylvia Allman LibDem, Mike Best LibDem, Ron and Teresa Bond Conservative, Jo Dawson Lib Dem, Margaret Hennessy LibDem, Rusty Jackson LibDem, Robin Pailthorpe LibDem, Angie Singleton LibDem, Andrea Stuart LibDem, Neil Sturtivant Libdem and Sue White who left the Conservatives and became a LibDem.

In **Ilminster** the town council was uncontested and they are seeking two more councillors for co-option.

Proposals for libraries

SOMERSET County Council has announced that an extra £30,000 is now available to support Somerset communities interested in running threatened libraries, while the remainder will have opening hours reduced from October 1st.

The extra money was revealed by Councillor Christine Lawrence, cabinet member for community services, as part of her decision to take forward savings proposals agreed by the council's cabinet in February, to make a 25 per cent reduction in the Library Service budget.

The money can be used to provide one-off grants of up to £5,000 to communities that commit themselves to running or supporting libraries that may no longer be funded by the council. One such library is South Petherton, subject to a decision later this month.

Six of the county's 34 libraries could be offered to their communities to run in October, with a further five libraries offered next April. The additional £30,000 has come from savings identified after consideration of proposals put forward by the Friends of Glastonbury/Somerset Libraries.

Councillor Lawrence said: "There have been positive discussions with many communities and we hope that the extra funding will help turn discussions into practical solutions.

"As with all services, the decision to reduce budgets for libraries has been very tough but is necessary because of the council's financial position. We need to provide the best service we can within the resources we have."

Following the decision to take forward the savings proposals agreed by cabinet, Councillor Lawrence also decided to implement a 20 per cent reduction in opening hours for 23 Somerset libraries.

Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster libraries all face a 20 per cent reduction in hours from October 1st if the proposals go ahead.

Chard will close on a Tuesday, the day surveyed to be the quietest, gain half an hour on Monday, closing at 5.30pm and lose the half hour on Thurday, closing at 5.30pm.

As the building also houses a council information point, it is due to have self service facilities installed in 2012.

Crewkerne will also have a 20 per cent cut and be closed on Mondays with a half hour reduction on Saturday, closing at 12.30pm. The town council requested it stay open on Wednesdays to coincide with the weekly market which, it is hoped, will be improved.

Ilminster will lose Mondays but be open on Wednesdays from 9.30am until 2pm and Saturday for an extra half hour, closing at 1pm. This was to retain some lunchtime opening as requested by several users.

Ambulance flies 8,000th mission

DORSET and Somerset Air Ambulance has completed its 8,000th mission since its launch in March, 2000.

The milestone call-out was to take an 18-month-old burns victim from Shaftesbury to Salisbury District Hospital, which has a specialist burns unit.

During 2010, the Air Ambulance attended 788 incidents, 51 per cent of them (403) in Dorset and 46 per cent in Somerset (360), with the rest crossing county borders into Devon and Wiltshire. The busiest month was May, with 92 call-outs, followed by August with 75 emergencies and July with 74. The busiest day of the week was Sunday.

DSAA Chief Executive Officer Bill Sivewright said: "Everyone of the missions we fly is the result of somebody suffering a potentially life-threatening injury or accident. So, we are not celebrating this milestone.

"We have helped to save countless lives over the years because we can reach any part of the two counties in 19 minutes and we know that patients who receive treatment within the first hour - the 'Golden Hour' as it's known - have a much better chance of survival.

"The 8,000 call outs in 10 years clearly demonstrates the need for our Air Ambulance. The funds raised by the people of Dorset and Somerset have, of course, been vital to delivering the service and we are grateful to them for their generous support.

"We rely entirely on donations to raise the £3,800 a day cost of keeping our helicopter flying and we do not receive any direct Government or National Lottery funding."

A major fundraising event for the charity is being held in June with a cycle ride from the Somerset coast to the Dorset coast as part of National Bike Week.

The Coast 2 Coast (C2C) ride will take place on Sunday June 19th starting in the Somerset port of Watchet, and finishing in West Bay, near Bridport.

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For outstanding service

By Marion Draper

THE LAST annual Chard Town Meeting for Councillor Jill Shortland as Mayor, was tinged with sadness as she called for the room to remain standing for a minute's silence in memory of former mayor Dave Hill. Councillor Shortland thanked her fellow members for their support and the businesses and members of the public who had supported her chosen charities.

Outstanding Service Awards were presented by the mayor to 11 recipients.

Roy Kibble White was awarded for services to 2381 Ilminster Squadron Air Training Corp as civilian instructor, after his retirement from the RAF. He took on the role of BTEC officer helping senior cadets to achieve high passes, most passing with distinctions and distinction star. One of his students Cadet Flt Sgt James Tanner who had achieved two full BTEC at distinction star (equivalent to eight GCSE) was present to see him awarded. Mr Kibble White had been involved with the cadet organisation for 44 years, he has now retired from his post but continues to serve on the civilian committee.

Dawn & Andy Fletcher who were out of the country, were awarded for services to Project Romania.

Kelly Leigh Druce of the Kelly Leigh School of dance, was cited for her services to promoting performing arts to local children. She takes her dancers to support local fundraisers and will raise money for anything to do with children.

Betty Vercoe received her award for services to local stage productions since 1962 and taking entertainment to those unable to get to local theatre. Her citation read "Betty is one of those rare people who will do all the hard work and not ask for any recognition for it. Betty gets on with it helping others in the background."

Julie Matthews has spent nine years helping "lead the mentally ill and infirm out of the darkness into the light and given them new hope", so said her nominator. She was awarded for work in setting up the Chard Intentional Peer Group and in supporting local people with mental health problems by fighting their corner and seeking out financial help and talking to anyone who would listen.

Jeanette O"Dwyer was nominated by more than one person for being a driving force for well over 20 years in setting up Clare House pre-school nursery facility and Chard Out of School Club. She showed immensely strong determination and leadership through hard times and enriched the lives of local children.

Mark Saville ws awarded for his efforts in business by bringing together the town's traders and in setting up a website to promote local business.

Walter and Margaret Youll were jointly awarded for their services to local charities and the community by holding fundraising events.

In addition to the outstanding service presentations, The Mayor also presented her own awards to Eric Stone for his dedication to Chard Carnival Committee, Roger Carter for his work with Chard Museum spanning over 40 years and Chard & Tatworth First Responders for their duties in assisting with local emergencies and providing vital first aid help.

All of these had previously received the Outstanding Service Award and the Mayor was so impressed with their continued contributions to the community, she wanted to give them something further. The Mayor's Awards were introduced by Councillor Shortland and can only be given by the mayor. Each one is individually numbered.

■ OUT OF THE SHADOWS: Julie Williams

■ BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS: Mark Saville

■ FOR THE YOUTH: Roy Kibble White receives his award from the Mayor Councillor Jill Shortland watched by Cadet Flt Sgt James Tanner and Mayor's Consort Councillor Garry Shortland

■ DANCING QUEEN: Kelly Leigh with the Mayor and her consort

■ TEAM PLAYER: Betty Vercoe for contribution to local dramatics

■ CHILDREN'S CHAMPION: Jeanette O'Dwyer

■ QUIZZICAL PAIR: Margaret and Walter Youll

Trees for free

By Marion Draper

■ PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE: Rachael Auton, Oak class teacher at Buckland St Mary Cof E Primary School (left), receiving the saplings from Sharon Michieli, plant advisor at Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre

BUCKLAND St Mary Church of England Primary School recently received 60 free saplings from Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre near Taunton, to help develop the school grounds.

Rachael Auton, Oak class teacher, explained: "We were lucky enough to benefit from the complimentary bulbs that that garden centre gave away last year (2010) and we are delighted to have received the free saplings too.

"The children love to be outside and anything that can enrich their environment is always a bonus.

"We are extremely grateful for Monkton Elm Garden & Pet Centre's sapling donation and will use these trees to brighten up our school and help maintain our environmentally-friendly site."

In January, the garden centre invited not-for-profit organisations that needed support for their conservation projects to apply for between 50 and 100 small saplings, known as whips.

Plant manager, Andrew Pitman, who has worked at the family-run garden centre for more than 25 years, explained: "We have run the sapling give-away scheme for two years and it has always been incredibly popular.

"It's a great way to start the new year, so this year we set aside 2,011 small sapling trees to give to worthy causes for schemes they are running in 2011. The trees were allocated on a first come, first served basis.

"We are delighted to have been able to lend a helping hand to schools, community groups and charities again this year by providing them with saplings that are ideal for hedging or creating small woodland areas."

The garden centre has now given away groups of between 50 and 100 small indigenous British varieties of saplings to 24 schools and organisations.

A royal celebration of May

□ BARRINGTON ROYALTY: Prince Harry Packham, Princess Libby Beaver, King Kurt Beaver and Queen Katie Muntz

A BLUSTERY day for the May celebrations at St Mary & St Peters Primary School in Barrington on Saturday May 7th kept a few people away, but resulted in more money raised for school funds than last year.

The May King was Kurt Beaver aged seven from Ilton, his little sister Libby aged five was Princess.

Queen was Katie Munz aged nine from Barrington and Prince was Harry Packham aged five, also from Barrington. They looked splendid in their purple and gold cloaks of the school colours and floral crowns.

The children processed behind their royalty from the school field in Water Street to the school playground where the Maypole was waiting for the traditional dancing. After the dances,there were stalls and games to enjoy on the school grounds.

■ DANCING ROUND THE MAYPOLE: Cleo and Amy Hart

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Children's hospice ball

CHAIRMAN of Chard and Ilminster Friends Group of the Children's Hospice South West, Caroline Dowell, and treasurer Doreen Toms (pictured above) are getting ready for their big fundraising event.

They are holding a charity ball at the Shrubbery Hotel Ilminster on Saturday, May 21st, together with a grand auction and tombola thanks to the support of local businesses.

The message from the ladies was: "Please come along and help us raise funds to provide respite care for children with life limiting illness, who live locally and throughout the south west."

Tickets are £28 each or £26 each for a table of 10 or more to include a three course carvery meal and music by local band Sidekicks. Call Caroline on 01460 30261 or Doreen 01460 64502.

Students make their mark

By Marion Draper

GIFTED and talented students from Maiden Beech School have teamed up with the National Trust for a unique project.

The Crewkerne year seven and eight schoolchildren are busy working with stonemason Tom Clarke, from Martock, to design relief work which will be incorporated into hamstone way markers at Barrington Court near Ilminster.

The National Trust sponsored project is linked to their aspirations for more community involvement and to open up the countryside.

Twelve pupils led by teacher Viv Jeffery, who were chosen for their particular artistic aptitude, regardless of their level of academic prowess, were initially invited to visit the property and seek inspiration from the surroundings. The second stage for the project was to draw a design incorporating aspects of what they had seen on-site and subtly including a direction arrow of some kind.

Paul Richards who made the contact with Matthew Applegate at Barrington Court on behalf of the school said the way the children had been inspired by the grounds had been very interesting. The magnificent oak trees had been a huge influence leading to oak leaf and acorn designs, others picked up on the bee-keeping at the court and in another direction one young man had seen a cricket match being played and his design involved the stumps.

Next they transferred their two dimensional design into a 3D relief in clay and this week they have visited the stonemason's studio to begin carving.

The school is very excited about being involved with other members of the community and the cross curricular opportunity for study such projects offer to the students.

A grand opening of the way marked trail is planned for mid June.

■ **SUBTLE DESIGNS: This close up of an acorn design shows the degree of detail the children were working to**

■ **TRANSFERRING DESIGNS: Stonemason Tom Clarke demonstrates how to make a 3D relief in clay**

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A new life in Ilminster for newlyweds

Newlyweds Lee and Isabel Kerley are busy moving into their East Street fixer-upper in Ilminster, having left behind their jobs and flat in Winchester to make a fresh start as self- employed people under the banner of Ilminster Garden Services.

They chose Ilminster because they loved the area, Isabel has family in North Curry and they said they wanted to be somewhere friendly, with real community spirit.

JOINING THE COMMUNITY: Lee and Isabel Kerley new to Ilminster

The couple are both experienced horticulturalists who worked together at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, where they met. They looked after 30 acres of everything from ponds to woodland, peat bogs to Japanese gardens but now want to specialise in eco consultancy, helping people make their gardens more wildlife friendly by using less chemicals utilising companion planting to control pests.

The couple are very keen on being active members of the community and are already talking about a gardening club and trying to involve the youth club. Lee plays cricket and they are both beekeepers, although they may be looking for an alternative venue if their neighbours are not comfortable with the idea of bees next door. They are delighted with their listed terraced cottage and have already unearthed and original path in the back garden. It was laid mainly to gravel but they said it is full of bindweed and ground elder .Lee said it was a common mistake people made, thinking gravel will be low maintenance when in fact such weeds find it easier to spread through with little resistance in the loose stones.

Isabel said she was keen to have an allotment as they did before but appreciated there was already a waiting list. They were both very interested to hear about the Eames Woodland project and the Ilminster Flower Show and said they would love to be involved.

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Brilliant year representing the town

■ SIMPLY THE BEST: Miss Chard 2010 Hazel Mahoney

HAZEL Mahoney is coming to the end of her "brilliant year" as Miss Chard which she would not have missed for the world.

As a little girl she had a bit of a dream to one day be the princess in the carnival procession. Now she looks back on a fantastic experience and is surprised others are not flocking to take her place.

Hazel said: "I think part of the problem is some people think it is some kind of beauty contest and are scared to come forward in case they get horrible comments, but it's not. To enter I had to sell £200 worth of raffle tickets to raise money for the carnival, then I had to go in front of three judges and answer questions.

"It was a bit daunting on the night because they couldn't decide between me and another girl and I had to go back in for more questions. The first time they asked me what sort of things I was into and the second time they asked me why they should pick me. That was hard because you don't want to come over all bigheaded but I told them that I had lived in Chard all my life, never smoked or done drugs so I was a good role model but that I can also be a laugh, basically not boring but not bad.

Winning was great, I got my cup which I shared with my little princess, we had it for six months each. I was given a manicure at Serenity and taken dress shopping . Karenzas did my hair and Mr Stoker gave me a necklace which was really lovely. I took him a thank you card and he said he had never had a thank you before. I haven't had my photo shoot yet.

When they had the prom at Holyrood School I was sick and missed it so it was great to have this lovely dress and get to wear it so much. I went to four carnivals: Chard; Ilminster; Wellington and Taunton that was fantastic.

"I had a brilliant year, the highlight was Chard carnival and waving to all those happy faces. It was great to hear cheers from people I hadn't seen since school, shouting 'Go Hazel'.

"When the marines came through, I had been very ill for over a month with a chest infection and had only been back to work for a couple of days so I had to drag myself out to be there but I was so pleased I did.

"I work as a waitress in Taunton which I really enjoy and I do get some people coming into work saying: 'Are you Miss Chard?'

"I can honestly say, since being Miss Chard I am happier, stronger and more confident. I was very shy and quiet at school. It's been fantastic going to all the mayors dos. She has been amazing and I love my little princess Jessica, I think of her as my little sister now.

"The carnival committee have been great, taking me to events and dropping me back to my house and I have done loads of things, like presenting the prizes at the Lordleaze quiz night. It's not just about the carnival, I thinks that's why they call it Miss Chard not carnival queen.

"I am not standing again because I think it would be selfish, they have given me too much already, someone else should get the chance but I would love to do it again."

To enter the princess competition, entrants need to be aged between six and 13. The lower age limit for Miss Chard is 13, and there is no upper age limit. The winners of both competitions will receive a photoshoot with a local photographer, hair and beauty treatments, a prom dress, jewellery and accessories.

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CHAIRMAN of South Petherton carnival committee Dave Williams stepped into the breach four years ago when the village was about to lose the event due to lack of organisers. Now despite a daily commute to Bristol which gives him little spare time, he still strongly supports the annual carnival which he believes an important part of village life. Dave moved from Berkshire 20 years ago to work in the area and despite that particular job not working out long term, he loves South Petherton and would not want to live anywhere else. He now works for Autologic, a major importer of cars from a variety of well- known manufacturers , as an inspector making sure each vehicle is the right specification for the dealer to which it will move on to, for sale to the public.

● **HOW did you become involved in carnival?**
Because it was going to die and I drink in the Brewers Arms who are very inolved.
The previous chairman John had held on longer than he wanted to and there were notices up all around the village.
I had stayed back because of where I work, I have to leave at 5am and I am not home until 7pm but when the crucial meeting was about to be held in the Blake Hall, John was outside saying there was no point going in as no one had come forward and I said I would do it.

● **WHAT do you like about South Petherton?**
It is a nice community, very self-contained for a little village and there is not much you have to leave for. We have shops that even some big towns don't, like our own wet fish.
I get on with everyone here, when I lived in Berkshire there was always a lot of point scoring going on, especially in the pubs. My car is bigger than yours, that kind of thing. You don't get that here, it's much more relaxed and a great place to bring up our two daughters.

● **WHAT do you like most about the carnival?**
As soon as you take it on you realise you have to be thick skinned but the enjoyment you see all those little ones getting on that Saturday night is worth it. There is the money we raise for good causes of course, but for me it's seeing the looks on all those little faces.

● **ARE you still short of helpers?**
Yes we always need more, there are actually 14 people on the committee and all full of good intention but they can't all be there at the same time. For instance for the duck race at Easter weekend (*see page 12*) some were abroad or working, that's just how it is. I missed my chance when I went to the annual parish meeting and some of the councillors stepped down, I gave them a vote of thanks but forgot to suggest they may have more time to help the carnival committee.

● **DO you have any other hobbies or pastimes?**
Many moons ago I used to play golf and photography was my hobby but I don't really have time at the moment. If I win the lottery that's what I would do, photography and golf and I promised myself a vintage or classic car one day to tinker with.

● **IF money was no object what car would you choose?**
I would love one of the old post war Rileys, they have such nice lines. The old RME style, late forties, early fifties. I'd love to strip one down and rebuild and restore it.

● **HAVE you always been interested in engineering?**
I was a services telecommunications and radar engineer in the army for 16 years. I ended up on secondment in the Middle East. While I was there I was asked to work as a contract officer in the Sultanate of Oman. That was the only time I got a letter from the Queen, stating I was permitted to wear the medals you get for being out there.

● **IT may surprise people that you want to live here**
Being in the army I did a few stints in Germany and I did like the heat, a few years ago I might have liked to move abroad but not now, just take more holidays. I have seen a fair bit of the world and there is not much to beat Petherton. It does seem a lot of Pethertonians have seen the world and settled here, it's only those that have never left that don't appreciate what they have.

● **IF you were on a desert island what would be your three essentials?**
I'd want to stay in touch with the world so I would like a short wave radio for the World Service. Would I want a computer? Absolutely not, but I would like some kind of a wind up music library. Thirdly I would like a camera.

● **IF you could meet anyone, past, present or fictional, who would it be?**
Alexander the Great, he really sorted out the world and I think you could have a conversation with him. My other choice would be Genghis Khan but he would probably have you killed rather than talk to you. I'd like to know Alexander's vision for the world.

● **WHAT do you like to think you have passed on to your children?**
I've got two of the best daughters you could wish for, they are 22 and 27 now. They are much better looking than me so that must have come from their mother but I think I have passed on to them the view of right and wrong and it's stuck, they are good girls.

● **ALTHOUGH you love the village is there anything you would change?**
I would love to see more acreage for the recreation ground and a two storey pavilion that could be used for the sports club and as a village hall and I'd like to see facilities rebuilt for the Scouts ad Guides. The Scouts are fundraising for their own building at the moment which is sadly in need of upgrading.

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Wishing Lion Lesley well

■ **RECOVERING SLOWLY: Lesley Chudley pictured promoting the Lions wild west night last summer**

CREWKERNE Lion and teacher Lesley Chudley is currently recovering in hospital after stepping on a nail led to an infection that nearly killed her.

She and her fellow Lions, always keen to help their community, wanted to share her story as a cautionary tale to others on the importance of health and safety.

Fellow Lion Wendy Broom said: "Having trodden on a nail back in February with no swelling or redness, Lesley started to feel tired in April and, following a visit to an osteopath for what she thought was a stiff neck, she had to call an ambulance the following day when her muscles started to spasm.

"She went to hospital on a Wednesday and by Friday she had been confirmed as having bacterial meningitis combined with other problems.

"A scan revealed abscesses on her spine in the neck and she was transferred to Frenchay Hospital at Bristol. An operation was performed, after she was told that if it went wrong she could end up partially paralysed or blind.

"Now, a fortnight after transferring to Frenchay, Lesley has been told she is still not 'out of the woods' but they are pleased with the progress she has made. She has at least another week at Bristol, and another couple of weeks under medical care, possibly at Yeovil if a bed can be found for her.

"It has been confirmed by the specialists at Frenchay that the most likely cause is the nail that she trod on - but she did not have antibiotics then as her tetanus was up to date and no swelling showed. She nearly lost her life and certainly will not return to her teaching job in the next few weeks - all because of a nail.

"For those who have rung to ask after her, she is making slow progress and hopes to make a full recovery in the future."

Low water creates photo finish at duck race

■ **LAST MINUTE SWITCH: The lead ducks take a turn on the home straight**

IN SHARP contrast to last year, the South Petherton carnival committee duck race rode on extremely low water after the driest spring for 40 years.

The Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service came to help pump the water through but even with their help the stream which runs through the village was very slow and looking decidedly unsavoury for the team to wade in.

The low water did create an unexpected finish and little tense excitement for the onlookers as a pair of ducks that had been hooked together, and way ahead of the pack, suddenly turned toward the bank in the final two feet, leaving a whole row headed for the finish in unison. This created a slight headache for the organisers who had to decide which were the first 12 past the post.

First prize of £100 went to Claire Lee, second was a delighted young Charlie White who won £50. Third was Marilyn Selwood who received £15 and fourth £10 went to Paul and Sally Davey with the last cash prize of £5 going to Luke Harvey. Aaron Doble, Shona Ashdown and Ivy Bisgrove all won Easter eggs and Joshua Hockey took home the cuddly duck donated by the One World shop in the village.

The event raised over £1,000 for the carnival but the committee were disappointed that more villagers did not come forward to help with the annual event and they desperately need more members to help with fundraising events, if the carnival is to continue.

The duck race was coordinated once again by Carnival chairman Dave Williams and Nicki Webb from the Brewers Arms while partner Duncan Webb had forsaken his old duck suit in favour of a new brown Easter bunny outfit and was handing out treats to the children.

They would like to thank Kris and Matt Martin who have been their duck herders for several years now and are getting a bit tall for negotiating under the small bridges. Also the handful of Scouts, who turned out during the week to clean the brook, and the fire crew who pumped the water.

■ **SMILES ALL AROUND: Lucky duck race winners with Duncan (Webb) the Easter Bunny and South Petherton carnival chairman Dave Williams**

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THE more one stops at farms on the side of the road, the more one realises the value and quality of food one can purchase. In the last fortnight, I bought a dozen farm fresh eggs from a farm in Merriott for - wait for it - £1! That's incredible value for possibly the most versatile food stuff imaginable.

Invariably, when the cupboard is bare, I can normally scratch together a few eggs to make that most paradoxical of food; the French Omelette. Paradoxical because it's a dish that can be brought together as a last resort when just about everything else in the store has gone, yet - when done properly - presents one of the most heavenly and satisfying of meals.

The Omelette genus contains a vast variety of sub-species. In Iran, omelettes always contain tomato; the American southwest omelette has diced ham, onions and green bell peppers as integral parts of the mix; the Italians produce the fantastic frittata variety, which is open faced and can be served in cold slices as a lunch box staple; and the Spanish omelette, often called a Tortilla, contains potatoes for a much more substantial offering.

Yet in my humble opinion, the French omelette is quite literally the pièce de résistance. If you can cook this, then you always be able to whip together, quite literally, a respectable and desirable meal.

To prepare a French Omelette you need a 20cm frying pan with fairly steep sides (so called omelette pans are available, but don't be sucked in by the need to purchase one by name), a bowl, a mettle spoon, a whisk, three eggs, a little oil, and some seasoning. Note the importance of a mettle spoon, thus meaning that a non-stick pan is desirable.

Firstly, beat the eggs well in the bowl and season well. You are not aiming for froth, but certainly well combined. Next, heat the oil in your pan to a high temperature. At this point, traditionalists will shout! "Oh, not - clarified butter, please!". Yes, one normally used clarified butter, which can be heated to a very high temperature without smoking, but assuming you don't want the bother, oil will do fine. I prefer a mild olive.

The key to your success is cooking the omelette quickly. So when you pan is very hot add your eggs and count to 10. At this point, the bottom should start to set, but not brown. Now tip your 45 degrees to the right, and start to pull the liquid egg collected into the centre. After a couple seconds of this, repeat the process by tipping the pan to the left. Continue with speed, brining the eggs into the centre with a mettle spoon so you end up with a layered Omelette the width of about one third of your pan. This should take about 1 to 2 minutes maximum.

The French say that if an omelette looks perfect it probably isn't, so don't be scared to handle your egg with authority. Your finished product, to be served with a simple side salad, should be a yellow-golden and not at all browned. Cheap, easy and satisfying - fast food at it's very best.

Silent Witness star to talk at The David Hall

Going Out Talks

LOCAL LINK | William Gaminara, star of Silent Witness and The Archer's, will talk at The David Hall

THE David Hall's occasional chat show event, "In Conversation With...", returns on Saturday, June 11th at 7.30pm with two interesting guests, both with strong local connections.

William Gaminara will be instantly recognisable to fans of Radio 4's The Archers, in which he voiced the character of Dr Richard Locke. He has since become known as Professor Leo Dalton in BBC TV's Silent Witness.

William also starred as Casualty's Dr Andrew Bower between 1989 and 1992 and has played a doctor in The Bill.

As well as acting, William - whose mother lives in South Petherton - is an accomplished writer. His work includes episodes of the TV series This Life and The Lakes, and he recently adapted Ella and the Mothers for TV from Rachel Morris' novel.

The evening will begin with Petherton resident David Lingham - The David Hall's regular presenter of "In conversation with...." - in dialogue with well-known local character, ***Chris Willy***. Chris, who has lived in Over Stratton for many years and is a Parish Councillor, has much to relate on how the Parish has developed and changed. He promises to be an interesting contributor!

Tickets for "In Conversation With…" at The David Hall, South Petherton, cost £6 (no concessions), and can be booked and paid for via the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk They can also be purchased at N & D News, St James Street, South Petherton and reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or, by e-mailing boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk

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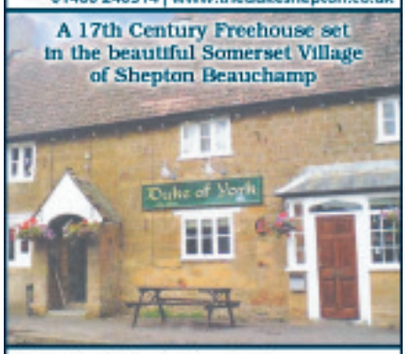

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CDs

This Week's New Releases

THE COLOUR AND THE TRAP *Miles Kane*
Formerly a member of The Little Flames, The Rascals, and part-time collaborator with Alex Turner in The Last Shadow Puppets, Miles Kane releases his debut solo album. Full of 60s-inspired pop gems, Kane's catchy riffs and cool grooves make for an impressive first solo outing.

LET THEM TALK *Hugh Laurie*
Former star of Blackadder, and more recently known as Dr Gregory House, Laurie turns his attentions from acting to music, and specifically the blues, and proves that he's just as talented hammering the ivories as he is in front of a camera.

GOBLIN (DELUXE EDITION) *Tyler, The Creator*
The controversial mouthpiece of underground shock hip-hoppers Odd Future, Tyler, The Creator releases his solo album Goblin, with his trademark misogynistic lyrics and tight beats. Not for the faint of heart.

RISE AGAIN *Lee 'Scratch' Perry*
Dub-reggae hero Lee 'Scratch' Perry releases new album Rise Again to add another notch to his incredible back catalogue. The album, released to coincide with the his 75th birthday, showcases the sounds, rhythms and beats that have Perry held up in such high esteem. The album features numerous collaborations, including Tunde Adebimpe (TV On The Radio) and P-Funk legend Bernie Worrell.

TURTLENECK AND CHAIN *The Lonely Island*
Consisting of Saturday Night Live comedians Akiva Schaffer, Jirma Taccone and Andy Samberg, The Lonely Island release their second album, following up 2009's *Incredibad*. Featuring collaborations with top chart acts including Nicki Minaj, Akon and Justin Timberlake, The Lonely Island's comedy shines through.

DVDs

This Week's New Releases

FAMILY GUY SEASON TEN [15]
The dysfunctional Griffin clan return for their tenth season, during which the Griffins and fellow Quahog residents attend a party at James Woods' mansion and are embroiled in a classic "whodunit" murder mystery. Meanwhile, Lois becomes a local sports hero, and Stewie works for Brian as his literary manager.

THE KING'S SPEECH [12A]
The hugely successful, other royal event of the year, gets its official DVD release. The Oscar winning film, sees Colin Firth play King George VI, who takes to the throne somewhat surprisingly, and just as radio is taking off, and the Second World War looms, he has to overcome a troubling stammer to address and inspire the nation and the people of the British Empire.

THE WAY BACK [12A]
The Way Back is the critically acclaimed new release from renowned director Peter Weir (Master and Commander, The Truman Show), starring Colin Farrell, Jim Sturgess, Ed Harris, Mark Strong and Saoirse Ronan. Inspired by an incredible true story, this epic film of survival against-the-odds tells the story of a group of seven prisoners who escaped from a Soviet gulag in Stalin-era Russia and walked over 4,000 miles across some of the most unforgiving terrain in the world, crossing the Siberian Arctic, the Gobi desert and the Himalayas before finally arriving in British-ruled India.

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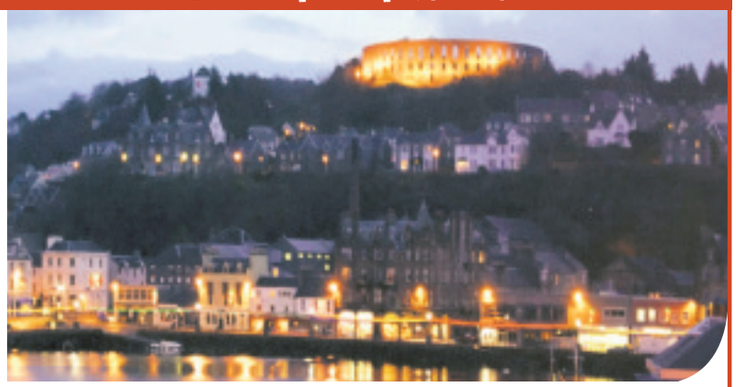

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Seasonal

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Seasonal

5 Day North England

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FRIDAY MAY 13TH AND SATURDAY MAY 14TH

CHARD: Chard Museum will be open for the national 'Museums at Night' event until 8pm on both days. A tombola will run, and there will be a bric-a-brac and second hand book stalls. Normal admission charges will apply.

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

CREWKERNE: Coffee & Cake Morning for Cancer Research UK at the Henhayes Centre, with live music, cards for sale and raffle, from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Flix in the stix presents 'The Way Back' (12A) at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop, Dorothy's Tearoom, or £5.50 on the door. Telephone 01460 72906 for more details.

BARRINGTON: Plant Sale at Barrington Village Hall from 10am - 12noon. Telephone 01460 53323 for more details.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale at the Millennium Hall from 10am to 11.30am. Entrance free,
raffle and refreshments available. Doors open 8.30am for plants.

ILMINSTER: Cygnet Pre-School Baby and Toddler Goods Sale from 10am - 12noon in Greenfylde School Hall. Anyone who has good quality second-hand clothing for 0-5s, buggies, baby equipment, toys or books which they would like to sell should contact Ruth on 01460 52527 or rhmoran@tiscali. co.uk Sellers get to keep 50% from the sale of their items with the remainder going to the pre-school. There will be no admission charge on the day and all browsers and bargain lovers are very welcome.

ILMINSTER: Sale in aid of Ferne Animal Sanctuary in Market Square, from 9am. Plants, books, cakes and jams, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, etc. There will also be a collection of cat/dog food for the sanctuary.

HINTON ST GEORGE: A concert by the world-renowned classical guitarist Morgan Szymanski at St George Church from 7.30pm. Telephone 07500 532 543 to reserve tickets (£12 & £9) on the door.

SUNDAY MAY 15TH

DONYATT, ILMINSTER: Lemon Vintage Fair at the Village Hall from 10am - 3pm. Free entry. All day refreshments. Vintage items, collectibles, memorabilia, tools, kitchenware, retro, books, records, quality clothes. Interested in having a stall? Contact 01460 57386 or 07836593019 for more details.

MONDAY MAY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Choice of Ploughman's Lunch or Homemade Soup/roll/drink at Henhayes Community Centre. £3.95 (members £3.50). Available 12.15-1pm, must be ordered by 10.30am. Call 01460 74340 for more details.

TUESDAY MAY 17TH

CHARD: Bring & Buy Sale and Coffee Morning with raffle and music by Alan Hayman at Chard Rugby Club, from 10:30 to 12noon. In aid of the Chard & Crewkerne After Stoke Group.

CHARD: FILM - 'From Time To Time' at the Guildhall from 7pm for 7:30pm. Guests £5. Organised by Screen at the Guildhall, Chard. Telephone 07941 585823 or 01460 260051 for more
information.

CREWKERNE: Demonstration of pot pouri making at the Henhayes Community Centre, from 10:30 for 11am start. Entry £2.50 to include tea/coffee.

CREWKERNE: Social Group for older people. At Henhayes Community Centre. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Quiz and bingo. Transport available. 10am - 2.30pm. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH

DRIMPTON: Clapton, Wayford & District Horticultural Society's monthly meeting at Drimpton Village Hall. Talk 'Cultvating herbs', and practical session by Becky Groves. Open to all,
refreshments available. New members always welcome.
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TATWORTH: Talk: The Mystery of Mediumship. A Tatworth
Memorial Hall from 2pm. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH - SATURDAY MAY 21ST

ILMINSTER: The Ilminster Entertainments Society presents a murderous double bill of 'The Real Inspector Hound' by Tom Stoppard and 'What Shall We Do With The Body' by Rae Shirley at The Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, Ilminster. The shows start at 7:30pm and tickets are available from Lane's Garden Shop, Ilminster or the Theatre Box Office 07943 779880. For further details of events at The Warehouse please visit www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk

THURSDAY MAY 19TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit (and have a laugh!) at Henhayes Community Centre, 10am - 11am. £3 session (members £2). Lunch available but must be booked by 10.30am. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Country Market at Henhayes Community Centre. 9-11.30am.

SATURDAY MAY 21ST

CREWKERNE: Craft Fair at the Victoria Hall, Market Square from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Telephone 01460 74001 for more details.

ILMINSTER: Charity Ball at the Shrubbery Hotel. Dancing to 'Sidekicks'. Ticket £28 to nclude a carvery meal or £260 for a table of 10. Auction, tombola, photographer. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Telephone 01460 30261 or 01460 259 983 for more details.

CHARD: Summer sale of bric-a-brac, toys, clothes etc. In aid of ZEM CC. From 9.30am at the Secret Garden Cafe, Holyrood Street. Donations welcome. Telephone 01460 62842 for more details.

NORTH PERROTT: Music Hall Fish & Chip Supper with Crewkerne Rotary chairman David Craner at North Perrott Cricket Club, from 7.30-11.30pm. Proceeds to Yeovil Stroke Club &
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hotmail.co.uk

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top/Car Boot Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall from 10am - 1pm. Disabled access. Telephone 01460 259565 for more details.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Country Music Dance. Live music by 'Longshot Band'. At the Millenium Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, for 8pm start. Telephone 01935 881510 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Henhayes Community Centre from 9am - 12.30pm. Admission £1 for raffle ticket. Tea/coffee/cake £1.60. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

ILMINSTER: An evening of song with Airs & Graces and friends at Monk's Yard, Horton Cross Farm. In aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society and Parkinson's UK. Tickets £8 (to include complementary glass of wine and tea or coffee), available from 01404 861256 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

MISTERTON: Misterton Fete from 12noon - 4pm. Over 40 stalls with entertainment including model trains, classic cars, inflatable slide, paintballing, dog training displays and children's corner plus large variety of hot & cold food and drinks. Free entry and parking. Telephone 01460 76761 or 78931 for more information.

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Pre-School Brunch at the Village Hall from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Pre-School.

MONDAY MAY 23RD

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group public meeting with a talk by Graham Watson MEP on 'China - A Challenge for the West?' The meeting will be held at the GLADE Centre, Frog Lane, Ilminster TA19 0AP at 7.30 pm; see www.glade.org for directions. All welcome - entry £3 including tea/coffee.
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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4: ON STRANGER TIDES PG

Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) crosses paths with a woman from his past (Penelope Cruz), and he's not sure if it's love - or if she's a ruthless con artist who's using him to find the fabled Fountain of Youth. When she forces him aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, the ship of the formidable pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane), Jack finds himself on an unexpected adventure in which he doesn't know who to fear more: Blackbeard or the woman from his past.

TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT 15

It's the late 1980s, when Wall Street is riding high, and it seems as if the entire country is cashing in on the bumper profits. Disgusted with the materialism that surrounds him, Matt Franklin (Topher Grace), a brilliant young MIT graduate, has walked out on his well-paid position at a local lab and taken a low-level job as a video clerk, much to his father Bill's consternation. And the crises keep piling up in Matt's life. His best buddy Barry has just gotten fired from his job, his brainy sister Wendy is getting hitched to her vapid boyfriend Kyle, and the gorgeous Tori Frederking, long-time object of Matt's unattainable adoration, is suddenly back in the picture. Now, on one wild, woolly and irresponsible evening, everything is coming to a head, with explosive results

THE WAY 12A

An American father travels to France to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling "El camino de Santiago" from France to Santiago de Compostela (Spain).
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"Although Britain was gripped by recession at the start of 2010, the long term impact of the country's economic difficulties hasn't gone away. In the past year we've seen a new coalition government, a rise in tax, VAT and fuel duty, and job cuts across many sectors. Motorists have been hit hard and those looking to buy a car have to make their budget stretch even further," commented Neil Packham at Carmony.co.uk.

"It's not just the outright price of the car that motorists have to consider. Motorists are becoming more savvy when it comes to running costs and the change in search habits on Carmony.co.uk reflects this. It's so important to understand how much it will cost to actually own a car and the more prepared a driver can be about the potential costs, the better."

Market leader Ford ups sales and share in April

STRONG sales of Ford's total vehicle range boosted its UK sales leadership in April with increased sales and share recorded for the month, compared with April 2010. The Ford Fiesta was first in car sales while the Ford Transit continued its reign as the best-selling commercial vehicle (CV).

Official figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show that total UK car sales in April, compared with April 2010, were down 7.4 per cent to 137,746 units. Ford car sales of 18,411 were down from 19,216 in April 2010 but Ford's share of total car sales was 13.4 per cent, up from 12.9 per cent in April 2010.

Ford's continuing strength in retail car sales was indicated by an April retail market share of 12.8 per cent, up from 10.5 per cent in April 2010. For the year to date Ford share of retail car sales is 13.1 per cent, increased from 11.9 per cent compared with the same period in 2010.

The appeal of Ford's best ever car range was underlined by the fact that the best selling Ford Fiesta was backed up by the Ford C-MAX, the Ford Kuga, the Ford S-MAX and the Ford Galaxy all increasing their monthly sales and share figures compared with April 2010.

Ford Transit increased sales in April from 2,275 to 3,875 compared with April 2010, while for the year to date sales were up from 13,626 to 20,099 and its medium CV share increased from 23.8 to 25.5 per cent, compared with the same period in 2010. Total Ford CV sales increased in April from 3,310 to 4,928, compared with April 2010 and year to date have increased from 19,189 to 25,596, compared with the same period last year.

Nigel Sharp, Ford of Britain managing director, said: "The UK market continues to be intensely competitive and we are maintaining our discipline to strike an appropriate balance between sales/share and business profitability. Ford's outstanding vehicle range helps in achieving that balance, proving its strong customer appeal by the significant, ongoing growth in retail market share."

▲ Ford Fiesta is UK car sales leader for April...

▲ Ford Transit is UK commercial vehicle sales leader

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DEPLETED Netherbury had no answer to the strength of a Winsham United side that will be trotting out in the Premier Division next season.

The game, punctuated by a thunderstorm, at Axminster Town's Sector Lane was one-sided affair with top-scorer Tom Stead taking his season's tally to 26 with a brace and there were singles from Sam Symes and Joe Simmons.

The Ambers' woes were compounded 20 minutes from time when Ryan Gay was shown a straight red card by referee Richard Allen.

Saturday, May 7th
Barrington 5 W & M Chinnock 3
A 5-3 win over West & Middle Chinnock couldn't prevent Barrington from making an immediate return to Division One.

Win can't save Barrington

The Chinnocks', freed from the shackles of worrying over their own survival, led 3-2 at the interval thanks to strikes form Nick Bond, Mark Male and George Trott.

But the hosts, needing a win to have any chance of staying up, battled back to win with Adam Gibble (2), Alex Thompson, Kyle Oliver and Rob Loxton on target.

The outcome could have been different had Gareth Lennox and Damian Hart not missed penalties.

Lyme Regis 0 South Petherton 1
WITH the outcome of the title decided by Tuesday evening's results, Saturday's game between the best two teams in the league could have turned into a dull end of season affair. But as it was, the match was a bristling tustle with pride at stake.

No quarter was asked for, or given, and referee Andy Dyke, had a difficult afternoon coping with the fiery nature of the game.
The outcome of the game was decided in the 13th minute when centre-back Steve Bowker rose unchallenged to head home Rich Hebditch' corner giving stand-in 'keeper Aaron Cleal no chance.

Lyme probably deserved to take something from the game, which saw the visitors' player-manager Gordon Childs shown a straight red card by referee Dyke, and put in a good shift to round-off a fine season that has yielded three trophies (Dorset Intermediate, Coronation and Chard Hospital Cups).

On the subject of trophies, Petherton players, supporters and officials were disappointed to have no PSL official or Championship trophy in attendance.

Pethy secreetary Ray Cooper said: "We respect that some of the officers maybe tied up with refereeing but surely the league could have taken the opportunity to have a committee member there to present what is, after all, the most prestigeous trophy in the entire league.

"We won the league on Tuesday and made a request to League chairman Jim Jowatt who was refereeing the game. It's been obvious for weeks that this game would feature the new Champions. It's a big disappointment to have no trophy."

"Last season league chairman Jim Jowatt refereed the corresponding game, also played on the last day of the season, and presented Lyme with the 108-year-old trophy." Player-manager Gordon Childs described the no-show as "Disgraceful".

PSL secretary Bob Brunt told **THE WEEKENDER**: "I received no request from Petherton for the presentation to be made. We could not have done so before team sheets are checked - they had a game in midweek.

"We have presented in the past as last year at Lyme but no league winners presentations have been made this season due to the reasons stated with so many games having to be played in a short time.

"What is worth reporting is that five and a half weeks were lost and all games, bar one (club postponed original fixture), were played by the scheduled date of May 7th, Well done to all for managing that."

Before Saturday's game the Seasiders formed a guard of honour for the (soon-to-be) newly crowned Champions.

Ilminster Res 2 Beaminster 6
BEAMINSTER recorded their biggest away win of the season to conclude a campaign that at the halfway stage promised so much but ended with a third placed finish and two losing cup final appearances.

With nothing really hanging on the result the club took the opportunity to give a run-out to nine reserve teamers in preparation for Thursday's Daisy Hutchings Cup Final.

However it was first team regularfull-back James Ridd, playing in an unfamiliar midfield role who grabbed the headlines with a fine hat-trick and their were singles from Tom Fletcher, Mark Carstairs and Chris Rowsell.

Paul Retter netted both for the well beaten Blues who suffered their biggest home defeat for a year.

Perry Street 10 Misterton 2
PERRY Street went into this match knowing a win would keep them in the Premier Division for another season.

Shell-shocked opponents Misterton were already destined for a bottom placed finish and Street were in no mood to stumble at this crucial last hurdle as they became the third team in the last month to rack up double figures against miserable 'Missy'.

Stuart Packer, who last week went through the 250 career goals barrier, bagged a hat-trick as did Kev Warry and thre were doubles for Jay Bailey and Ben Stevens.

DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers 2 Charmouth 3
MANAGER Dave Fowler and Craig Stuckey scored the consolations as Charmouth bade farewell to Division One with their first away win in 18 months.

Lyme Reserves 2 Perry St Res 1
A 50th career goal for Ally Rattenbury was the highlight as Lyme Regis Reserves continued their superb run of form that has brought six wins in seven outings making fears of relegation earlier in the season a distant memory.

Striker Simon Flux gave the Seasiders a tenth minute lead with a crisp angled drive.

The second half was only five minute old when Clarke linked well with Rattenbury who picked his spot and curled home a 20-yard that gave 'keeper Mike Barry no chance and flew in off the post. Barry then discarded the gloves and moved upfield to bag Street's consolation.

DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers 2
Shepton Beauchamp 2
AN 86th minute strike from Dave Aston has saved Chard Rangers from back-to-back relegations.

A 15th minute goal from Wayne Long gave the Rangers a half-time lead against their already promoted opponents.

But Shepton turned things around through Jon Spendlowe and Sam Murley who scored his 34th goal of the season and Chard appeared to heading down into Division Three.

But Aston popped up with his late point saver to relegate Hawkchurch United instead.

Pymore 3 Uplyme 3
THERE was a classic game of two halves at St Mary's where Pymore came from 2-0 down to earn a point after a 3-3 draw with Uplyme.

Ryan Prendeville tapped the Swallows into a sixth minute lead which was doubled 30 seconds later when and Gavin Fowler chipped the hosts' 'keeper from the edge of the box before being forced off later on with an ankle injury. Rob Hedditch pulled one back for Pymore only for Sturt King to restore the lead before the interval.

Robbie Wayland nipped in to bring the score back to 3-2. A goalkeeping blunder of 'Gomeslike' proportions then gifted Ian Denty the opportunity to salvage a point .

DIVISION THREE
Farway Utd Res 4 Drimpton 2
GOALS from George Tuck and Steve Dunkerton couldn't save Drimpton from going down 4-2 at relegated Farway United Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR
Shepton Res 3 Hinton Res 2
WILL Aplin (2) and Pete Field shared the goals which denied Hinton Res the Division four title.

■ **RESPECT: New Premier Division Champions South Petherton are given aguard of honour by runners-up Lyme Regis at the Davey Fort on Saturday.** ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

■ **CRUCIAL**: **Dave Aston (right) netted the 86th minute goal which keeps Chard Rangers in Division Two following a 2-2 draw with Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday.** ***Photo by KEITH RENDELL***

THE FINAL FIXTURES

Last night
(at Perry Street)
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP FINAL
Beaminster Res v South Petherton Reserves

Tonight
(at Lyme Regis 6.15pm)
TOMMY TABBERER CUP FINAL
Shepton Beau v Uplyme

Friday, May 20th
(at Somerton)
JUBILEE CUP
Yeovil League v PSL

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Midweek results

Thursday, May 5th
DIVISION TWO
South Petherton Reserves 5 (J.Bovey 4, J.Connett) Forton Rangers Reserves 1 (B.Sheahan).
DIVISION FOUR
Combe B 4 (J.Stewart, D.Richards, A.Barrett, G.Cleal) Waytown Hounds 2 (M.Whitbread, L.Hansford pen).

Friday, May 6th
ARTHUR GAGE CUP FINAL
(at Axminster Town FC)
Netherbury 0 Winsham United 4 (T.Stead 2, S.Symes, Joe Simmons).

Monday, May 9th
DIVISION TWO
Shepton Beauchamp 1 South Petherton Reserves 0.

Final League tables

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Petherton (Champions)	20	18	1	1	98	18	55
Lyme Regis (Runners-up)	20	15	3	2	75	20	48
Beaminster	20	14	3	3	57	21	45
Merriott Rovers	20	10	2	8	50	47	32
Farway United	20	8	3	9	53	45	27
Ilminster Town Reserves	20	9	0	11	33	58	27
W & M Chinnock	20	6	3	11	37	64	21
Combe Reserves	20	5	2	13	34	58	17
Perry Street	20	5	3	12	41	45	18
Barrington (Relegated)	20	4	4	12	38	71	16
Misterton (Relegated)	20	2	4	14	31	101	10

DIV ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewkerne Town (Top)	20	17	2	1	95	25	53
Winsham United (Promoted)	20	16	0	4	77	24	48
Millwey Rise	20	15	2	3	94	31	47
Netherbury	20	12	2	6	51	38	38
Forton Rangers	20	10	2	8	49	51	32
Lyme Regis Reserves	20	8	3	9	38	43	27
Perry Street Reserves*	20	6	1	13	32	75	18
Ilminster Town Colts	20	5	1	14	37	70	16
Norton Athletic	20	5	1	14	31	71	16
Thorncombe (Relegated)	20	4	1	15	28	63	13
Charmouth (Relegated)	20	4	1	15	32	73	13

DIV TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster Reserves (Champions)	20	16	3	1	91	29	51
Shepton Beauchamp (Promoted)	20	13	6	1	64	24	45
Dowlish & Donyatt	20	12	2	6	60	34	38
Hinton Reserves	20	9	3	8	49	49	30
Pymore	20	8	5	7	47	55	29
South Petherton Reserves*	20	8	3	9	46	46	26
Uplyme	20	7	4	9	66	56	25
Chard Rangers	20	5	4	11	41	67	19
Crewkerne Rangers	20	5	4	11	42	70	19
Hawkchurch United (Relegated)	20	5	3	12	47	70	18
Forton Rangers Res (Relegated)	20	2	3	15	29	82	9

DIV THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Misterton Res (Champions)	18	15	2	1	81	28	47
Crewkerne Res (Promoted)	18	12	2	4	71	35	38
Luso-Chard	18	9	3	6	68	36	30
Chard United	18	9	2	7	49	36	29
Combe A	18	8	2	8	46	46	26
Winsham United Reserves	18	7	4	7	63	64	25
Millwey Rise Reserves	18	6	3	9	45	50	21
Drimpton	18	4	3	11	30	77	15
Farway Rangers Res* (Relegated)	18	4	3	11	27	83	11
Lyme Bantams* (Relegated)	18	3	2	13	28	53	10

DIV FOUR	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W&M Chinnock Res (promoted)	20	16	1	3	118	34	49
Hinton Reserves (promoted)	20	15	3	2	71	28	48
Waytown Hounds	20	13	1	6	61	38	40
Shepton Beauchamp Reserves*	20	11	1	8	54	56	33
Combe B	20	9	3	8	54	54	30
Chard United Reserves	20	9	2	9	48	47	29
Ilminster Town A*	20	9	0	11	58	68	26
Barrington Reserves*	20	7	3	10	51	54	22
Thorncombe Reserves	20	5	3	12	26	53	18
Hawkchurch United Reserves	20	3	3	14	29	86	12
Chard Rangers Reserves	20	2	2	16	25	77	8

(* = POINT DEDUCTED) (P/R; assuming 2 up 2 down)

Top scorers

PREMIER: Jon Hayter (South Petherton) 25, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 21, Scott Jennings (Ilminster Res, 16 for Merriott) , Murray Legg (Beaminster), Rich Hebditch (S.Petherton) 17.
DIVISION ONE: Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 36, Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 32, Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 27.
DIVISION TWO: Sam Murley (Shepton Beauchamp 34, Josh Hunter (Beaminster Reserves) 33 , Dan Pyett (Beaminster Res) 24.
DIVISION THREE: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 37, Ricky Smith, Neil Hawkins (both Misterton Res) 25, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Res) 23.
DIVISION FOUR: Ashley Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res) 41, Dan Rudge (W & M Chinnock Res) 33, Will Aplin (Shepton Beau Res), Matt Read (Waytown Hounds) 22.

HORSE RACING Bob Buckler stables

And the winners keep coming!

By **Stuart Broom**

AFTER a disappointing season by Bob Buckler's standards, the new national hunt year has seen a huge improvement in fortune for the Henley yard.

This week saw two more winners and a third place, with ***Ethiopia*** adding to his victory on the second day of the season, and ***Cullahill*** making it three wins out of five with the other two in the frame.

Ethiopia stormed home at Towcester in the Jacarado Retirement Handicap Chase over three miles on Monday evening to complete a trio of victories in just 24 days for the Nick Elliott owned eight-year-old.

Given a great ride by Nathan Sweeney, he tucked in behind the leaders before sweeping around the final bend to take command of the race, and powered up the hill to finish six lengths clear of Overton Lad.

"It was almost effortless and he jumped really well against a better class of runners," said Buckler who confirmed he may next go in a handicap chase on the same course on Friday, May 20th providing the handicapper is not too harsh on him following his win.

Cullahill also had an easy victory at Wincanton last Thursday in the three horse Holbrook House Restaurant & Spa Handicap Chase over the same distance at Wincanton last Thursday despite ripping off a front shoe.

This made the nine-year-old jump badly to the right particularly over a lot of the fences, particularly over the last three resulting in an unfortunate coming together with Cashel Blue with whom he was vying for the lead, who lost all his momentum.

Cullahill kept going however to win by 16 lengths and incur a 13lb penalty from the handicapper.

"It was most unfortunate, but I think he had the better of the other horse by then and would have won regardless.

Having ripped the shoe off, he would have been trying to protect his foot as he landed and resulted in him jumping to the right."

Incredibly ***Mister Matt*** also ripped off a front shoe in the Jared Young Memorial Handicap Chaseover 2½ miles at Plumpton on Sunday which may have been the reason for a very poor show of jumping, and whilst he finished third 5½ lengths behind Colin Tizzard's Health Is Wealth, he would surely have been closer, if not won the race had he been sound.

Buckler said: "He jumped appallingly, and we don't know why. He came home with a cut on the heel of the front leg with the ripped shoe which indicates it was probably self-inflicted by his rear leg striking it.

"He's a quite capable jumper, but the winner is an improving horse so whether he would have won the race is debatable, but he would have certainly been a lot closer."

Most horses have now been turned out for the summer, but next week Buckler gives his thoughts on last season.

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Chard promoted

■ **GOAL**: Liam Cleal scores number five against Pinhoe on Saturday. ***Photo by KEITH RENDELL***

CHARD Town Reserves are promoted!

A 2-0 victory over sixth-placed Upottery confirmed the Robins' place in Division Two of the Devon & Exeter League next season.

Chard had set-up to opportunity to seal a top two finish with an impressive 5-1 win over main rivals Pinhoe at Zembard Lane on Saturday.

Strikes from Greg Channing and ex-first teamer Leigh Bailey, now normally playing his trade with Toolstation Premier League outfit Street, inside the opening 20 minutes formed the platform for the crucial victory.

The visitors did cause a few anxious moments amongst the home support when they pulled a goal back soon after the interval.

But Channing netted his second on the hour and when Bailey did likewise 10 minutes later the game was over. The victory was fittingly crowned by a superb team move that saw Liam Cleal slot home the fifth.

Two points from their final two games - away at Offwell tonight and away at Bampton on Monday - will see Darren Stewart's side crowned Champions.

D & E DIVISION 3 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Topsham Town Reserves	28	20	4	4	112	43	64
CHARD TOWN RES	**26**	**20**	**3**	**3**	**82**	**26**	**63**
Pinhoe	28	17	6	5	103	46	57
Offwell Rangers*	26	16	2	8	68	41	49
Sandford*	27	15	5	7	88	67	48
Upottery	27	12	6	9	57	42	42
Dawlish United	28	12	5	11	62	41	41

(Max 28 games).

ILMINSTER TOWN

"IN my opinion, although we finished one place lower, the league was certainly tougher and we performed better" was Ilminster Town player-manager Darren Manley's assessment of his team's fifth placed finish in Division One of the Somerset League.

The Blues rounded off their campaign with a 3-3 home draw against Burnham United on Thursday, May 5th when Jamie Green, Chris Nezianya and Scott Jennings netted.

This was follwed by a 4-3 win at lowlly Timsbury Athletic with this time Green, Mike McCormack, Darren Dabinett and Craig Stuckey getting on the scoresheet as Ilminster extended their unbeaten run to six games.

"I certainly think we'll be in the running for promotion again next season, the team is becoming more experienced" said Manley.

◆ *Top scorers: Jamie Green 10, Chris Nezianya 9, Sam Maxwell and Nick Whaites both 5.*

SOMERSET DIV 1 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Berrow	34	23	6	5	87	46	75
Nailsea Town	34	20	11	3	69	29	71
Odd Down Reserves	34	21	4	9	66	46	67
Weston St Johns	34	19	6	9	84	53	63
ILMINSTER TOWN	**34**	**18**	**8**	**8**	**57**	**43**	**62**
Frome Collegians	34	16	7	11	66	48	55

COMBE ST NICHOLAS

◆ *Top scorers: Adam Tovey 13, Dan Collins 11, Ben Haines 10.*

DIV 2 WEST (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Congresbury*	26	20	5	1	67	18	58
Yatton Athletic	26	17	5	4	85	43	56
COMBE St NICHOLAS	**26**	**15**	**6**	**5**	**52**	**36**	**51**
Ashton & Backwell	26	14	5	7	59	38	46

Crewkerne skittles

FINAL League tables

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	22	207
Headhunters	22	180
Super Sexy Six	22	179
Muddled Men	22	174
King Willy Dogs	22	150
The Fryers	22	132
Coachmen	22	122
Disney	22	116
Rollers	22	105
Royal Oak Drimpton	22	85
Sports 92	22	70
Swan Fokkers	22	57

◆ Lost Boys are this seasons' runaway Champions. Headhunters, 27 points behind, are runners-up whilst Sports 92 and Swan Fokkers head down into Division Tow.whilst Swan Fokkers are relegated.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Football Club	22	163
Rug Rats	22	160
Pinbusters	22	158
Nomads	22	145
Brewers Bees	22	143
Coombe Boys	22	130
Skimmers	22	127
Swan Cobs	22	125
Loud & Proud	22	122
Concorde	22	122
Willy Low Flyers	22	98
Kings Head B	22	91

◆ Football Club are Champions with Rug Rats just three points behind in the runners-up position - both teams are promoted. Kings Head B and Willy Low Flyers are relegated.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Perrott Monkeys	22	169
Royal Oak A	22	167
Numpties	22	160
Swan Fixers	22	158
Con Club Legends	22	150
Chis Colts	22	130
Contwistadors	22	126
Sandbaggers	22	124
Motley Crew	22	122
Hung Like Horses	22	119
Dinnington Astros	20	56
Muppets	20	49

◆ Champions Perrott Monkeys and Runners-up Royal Oak A will be aiming fro the fronter in Division Two in September.

(Promotion and relegation subject to league formations next season.)

Two teams were subject to points deduction for unplayed games.

JACK HIGH: bowls clubs news

SOUTH PETHERTON

with Robert Mills

ON Wednesday, May 4th, a dry, cloudy day with a cold wind we played a four rink friendly game against Taunton Vivary bowls club.

The game was played in a very convivial manner with quite a lot of laughter and amusing banter on all the rinks. Taunton came out winners on three of the four rinks and by an overall score of 18 shots.

Scores: J James, Joan Raikes, S Lester and C Cox 14-23; G Manuel, Diane Lester, D Gaylard and J Smith 22-20; Sandra Vaux, D Farr, B Careford and R Corbet 16-18, Sue Donovan, D Gard, Eileen Beckey and R Mills 19-28.

The following evening we visited Crewkerne for our first match this season in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League.

During a very hard fought match, with both teams winning on two rinks Crewkerne came out as overall winners thus gaining 12 league points to Petherton's four.

Scores: Eileen Beckey, G Manuel, D Hingley and J Smith 11-30, D Gaylard, Sandra Vaux, B Careford and R Mills 21-19, J James, Joan Raikes, L Langdon and L Symes 18-17, P Mottram, Diane Lester, S Lester and R Corbet 23-24.

After the disappointing loss to Crewkerne on Thursday, our second Wessex Friendly League Match at home to Wincanton turned out to be another very tough game.

Unfortunately, after tea, the skies opened and, with thunder and lightning close by, the game had to be abandoned, there had however been sufficient ends played to declare a result and Petherton won on three of the four rinks and by an overall score of eight shots thus gaining 14 league points.

Scores: K Rich, Joan Raikes, S Lester and C Harris 10-17, Sue Donovan, G Manuel, D Gaylard and R Corbet 12-5, Eileen Beckey, G Meecham, B Careford and C Cox 11-9, J James, Diane Lester, R Mills and L Symes 16-10.

The final game of the week on Sunday continued with the same up and down form for Petherton.

After the overnight heavy rain, the greens were quite heavy and, despite winning on two rinks and drawing on one against opponents Shepton Mallet, we lost overall by 17 shots thus gaining only five league points of the 16 possible.

Scores; Helen Perry, S Lester, B Careford and R Mills 15-15; Eileen Beckey, G Manuel, D Gaylard and C Harris 25-20; J James, Joan Raikes, L Langdon and L Symes 13-26; N Pipe, Diane Lester, D Hingley and R Corbett 21-20.

CHARD *with Penny Herrick*

CHARD bowlers travelled to Queen Camel Bowling Club on Thursday, 5th May to play in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League.

The weather was warm but windy, which made bowling more difficult, but as the match progressed the wind subsided.

We played on four rinks, drawing on one but losing on the other three. This means we achieved one point in the league for this match.

The overall score was 82 shots to Queen Camel and 64 shots to Chard. We received a warm, friendly welcome and a delicious tea, followed by friendly banter afterwards in the clubhouse.

Chard hosted a team from Castle Cary Bowling Club on Saturday, 7th May, again to play in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League.

The weather was more disappointing on this occasion and after a delicious tea and 11 ends players had to don their wet weather gear.

As the rain became progressively heavier it was decided to abandon the match after 15 ends.

The final score was 36 shots to Chard and 69 shots to Castle Cary.

Short mat bowls

On Tuesday, 3rd May, Chard Short Mat Bowlers visited East Coker Bowling Club for a friendly match.

Chard bowlers played well on difficult mats that they were not used to, but East Coker came out the overall winners.

Chard thanked them for their warm welcome and hospitality.

SEVERALLS

with Ken Robbins

ON Thursday, May 5th we entertained Lyme Regis for a four rink friendly match and, despite a blustery wind, everyone enjoyed the afternoon - the visitors being very complimentary about the green.

Afternoon tea was served in the pavilion at half-time with sandwiches cakes and tea or coffee.

The eventual winners were Severalls by 12 shots 80-68.

Rink Scores; M.Gilbert, N.Patel, D.Wallis and D.Rees 24 - D.Perry 9, M.Rawe, F.Grudgings, P.Robbins and K.Robbins 19 - K.Clissold 20, N.Austin, D.Fairall, W.Gilbert and K.Leamon 21 - E.Skeemer 16, L.Liddle, S.Phinn, S.Rees and R.Devney 16 J.Wells 23.

On Sunday, May 6th we travelled to Somerton for a Wessex Mixed Friendly League match where a very strong gusty wind made bowling very difficult at times, but at least the rain kept off until we had finished the game.

Severalls won on two rinks, drew on one, and lost on the other winning by 29 shots 87-58 taking 13 of the 16 points available.

Rink Scores; C.Phinn, M.Robins, S.Rees and R.Devney 27 - A.Hoad 13, N.Austin, H.Leamon, K.Leamon and D.Rees 29 - D.Sutton 8, M.Gilbert, S.Hodder, R.Hodder and R.Radford 18 - C.Willcox 18, P.Robbins, T.Robins, W.Gilbert and K.Robbins 13 - B.Cruwys 19.

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Glovers finish with a flourish

YEOVIL Town travelled to Cumbria on Saturday, and without the pressure of relegation hanging over them they played with freedom and beat a side that in my opinion are the best to have visited Huish Park this season.

The victory lifted the Glovers to 14th position and everyone at the club should be congratulated for achieving what is the Glovers second highest points total (59) in the six seasons they have been playing in League One.

Management will no doubt also be applauding their decision on securing the services of manager Terry Skiverton and his assistant Nathan Smith for another two seasons.

Indeed looking at their results in the run-up to the end of the season, anyone would be impressed by a team who have gone unbeaten for six games and won six of their last eleven with only two defeats.

However statistics don't necessarily tell you the whole truth, and I won't win any friends at the club by pouring cold water on that achievement by saying they should have finished much higher in the league than they did.

In their last 11 homes games, and I saw every one but the victory over Colchester, I believe Yeovil squandered ten points, which would have put them in ninth position, just behind Exeter City and only two points off a play-off position.

Countless missed opportunities and dull, litter strewn performances were the main reason for the defeats, coupled with some poor decisions regarding substitutions and fragile defending in the latter stages of some matches; they couldn't even beat Huddersfield despite the Yorkshire club having had a man sent off in the 13th minute.

Bottom of the table	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
YEOVIL TOWN	46	16	11	19	56	66	-10	59
Sheffield Wednesday	46	16	10	20	67	67	0	58
Hartlepool United	46	15	12	19	47	65	-18	57
Oldham Athletic	46	13	17	16	53	60	-7	56
Tranmere Rovers	46	15	11	20	53	60	-7	56
Notts County	46	14	8	24	46	60	-14	50
Walsall	46	12	12	22	56	75	-19	48
Dagenham & Redbridge	46	12	11	23	52	70	-18	47
Bristol Rovers	46	11	12	23	48	82	-34	45
Plymouth Argyle* (R)	46	15	7	24	51	74	-20	42
Swindon Town (R)	46	9	14	23	50	72	-22	41

(*10pts deducted)

Yes football, like all sports is 'what might have been' I appreciate, but no side can afford to throw away so many guilt edged opportunities as Yeovil did.

It is interesting that Skiverton has released former Aston Villa striker Sam Williams, who has suffered a lot of criticism about his lack of goals.

I am a Sam fan actually, and I don't think his critics gave him enough credit for his hard work holding up and winning balls particularly in the air, but I have to agree his marksmanship was poor.

However the main culprit must be Andy Williams who joined from Bristol Rovers last summer. Whilst he has scored six times this season in 37 matches his goals and opportunities ratio is appalling, particularly at home since the New Year.

The club must also be worried about the declining gates; the average of 4,250 is lower than the last season in the Conference (4,741), and next year sadly they will miss the possible draw of local derbies against Plymouth Argyle, Bristol Rovers and Swindon Town, who were all relegated.

One local journalist speculated that perhaps the fans would rather watch a successful side playing in the Conference, rather than the likes of Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday and Charlton, all former Premiership clubs.

I think the dwindling gates, despite a recovery from being rock bottom of the league at Christmas, are because the fans are not happy with Skiverton's style of play. There have been some awful displays at home in recent times, and I believe that this has meant that the floating fans have kept their money in their pockets.

Unable to travel away to away matches, I am of course not in a position to comment on the team's performances, but the statistics are very similar to those at home, and as good if not better than some of the teams in the play-offs.

So if you can play well away Skivvo, how about doing it at home as well? The crowds were bigger in the Conference because the side was more successful and because they played with flair and tempo.

That would help swell the club's coffers and keep miserable old gits like me happy!

The early season cricket news

Rain thwarts run chase

DORSET DIVISION SEVEN

Crewkerne v Wimborne & Colehill 4th 120 all out (match abandoned)

CREWKERNE were left frustrated by the heavy afternoon rain as a good chance to secure their first league win of the season was lost.

Skipper Ashley Lawrence won the toss and inserted the hosts into bat and the decision was soon to pay dividends as the youthful visitors were reduced to 15-3, an excellent opening salvo from in particular Francis Medley (1-22), and Rob Cornelius (2-22) aided by a sharp catch from Geoff Carr put Crewkerne right on top from the off.

A solid stand between young opener Joe Williams (18) and Bridgen (24) frustrated Crewkerne though, before Robbie James (2-30) removed both in quick succession.

Some useful batting from father and son combination George Corbin (17) and Graham Corbin (26), plus James Williams (11) added some much needed runs, but Mark Culpitt (2-33) and in particular the experience and nagging length of Carr (3-11) helped bring proceedings to an end in the 37th over as the visitors were bowled out for 120.

The players left the field for an early tea, but alas never got back on. The dark clouds that had been looming all afternoon, finally opened in heavy fashion ensuring no further cricket to leave both teams frustrated by what would have been an interesting reply in damp conditions.

Sunday friendly

Bride Vall CC 195-7 Crewkerne 53-6 - match drawn

CREWKERNE'S new Sunday friendly team made the trip down to LittleBredy to play Bride Vale CC in a time match.

Bride Vale won the toss and hit a useful 195-7, despite impressive bowling from, in particular, Rob Keylock (2-26), Dave Reakes (1-31), Luke Brunt (1-26), Jack Osborne (1-22) and Mark Culpitt (1-11).

In reply the total always looked remote on a low slow wicket, but despite slumping to 22-4, good efforts from Luke Brunt (12) and also a disciplined display from father Rick Keylock (18*) and son Rob Keylock guided Crewkerne to a decent draw, as they closed on 53-6.

Ilminster skittles

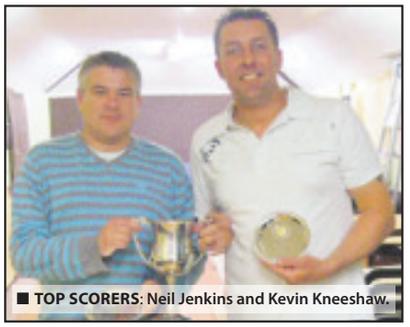
ILMINSTER Skittle League held it's Nomination final at the Royal Oa , Ilminster last week.

Results: **Ken Grainger Cup** (for Individual Highest score in Nomination) - Neil Jenkins (Crown Faces) and Kevin Kneeshaw (Donyatt Bowling Club) both 63.

Nomination cup and Division Two winners: Nomads 280 (R.Barnes 50, K.Keitch 18).

Nomination Cup Runners-up: Carnival Clingons 219 (M.Rowley 38, S.Lee 11).

The league would like to thank Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak, Ilminster for use of the venue and food.



■ **TOP SCORERS**: Neil Jenkins and Kevin Kneeshaw.

■ **RUNNERS-UP**: Carnical Clingons

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ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT* puts JEFF FARLEY, after 55 years in the Perry Street League, *UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in local football and in what capacities? Who did you play for?

A I played for Thorncombe, my home village, at 16 in 1957. I eventually became captain and chairman of the club. I ended up playing for Perry Street for a couple of years and took up refereeing in 1978.

Q Name the three best players you've played alongside or seen and why.

A In the early days I played alongside John Davies and Mark Parris who were both Thorncombe lads and went on to play at a higher level. During my refereeing years Karl Diment comes to mind - a super captain and always very respectful to me.

Q What has been your favourite ground as (as a player or referee)?

A I played on many fields around Thorncombe but the best is the present one. This became the Thorncombe Sports and Social Club of which I was one of the founder members. Axminster Town's Sector Lane and Combe St Nicholas' Slades Cross come to mind as favourites to ref at.

Q How would you improve things in the Perry Street League?

A By each team having linespersons (not subs), who have had instruction and who then could be used at cup quarter-finals and above as neutrals.

Q Do any games stick out in your memory?

A Only the bad games unfortunately. They can dwell on your mind and make you question your ability. Even refs make mistakes!

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A One lad who used to play for Avishayes Combe and now plays for Chard Town is **Adam Cole** who I thought had great potential but there are several lads playing youth football locally that are worth that look.

NEXT WEEK:
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